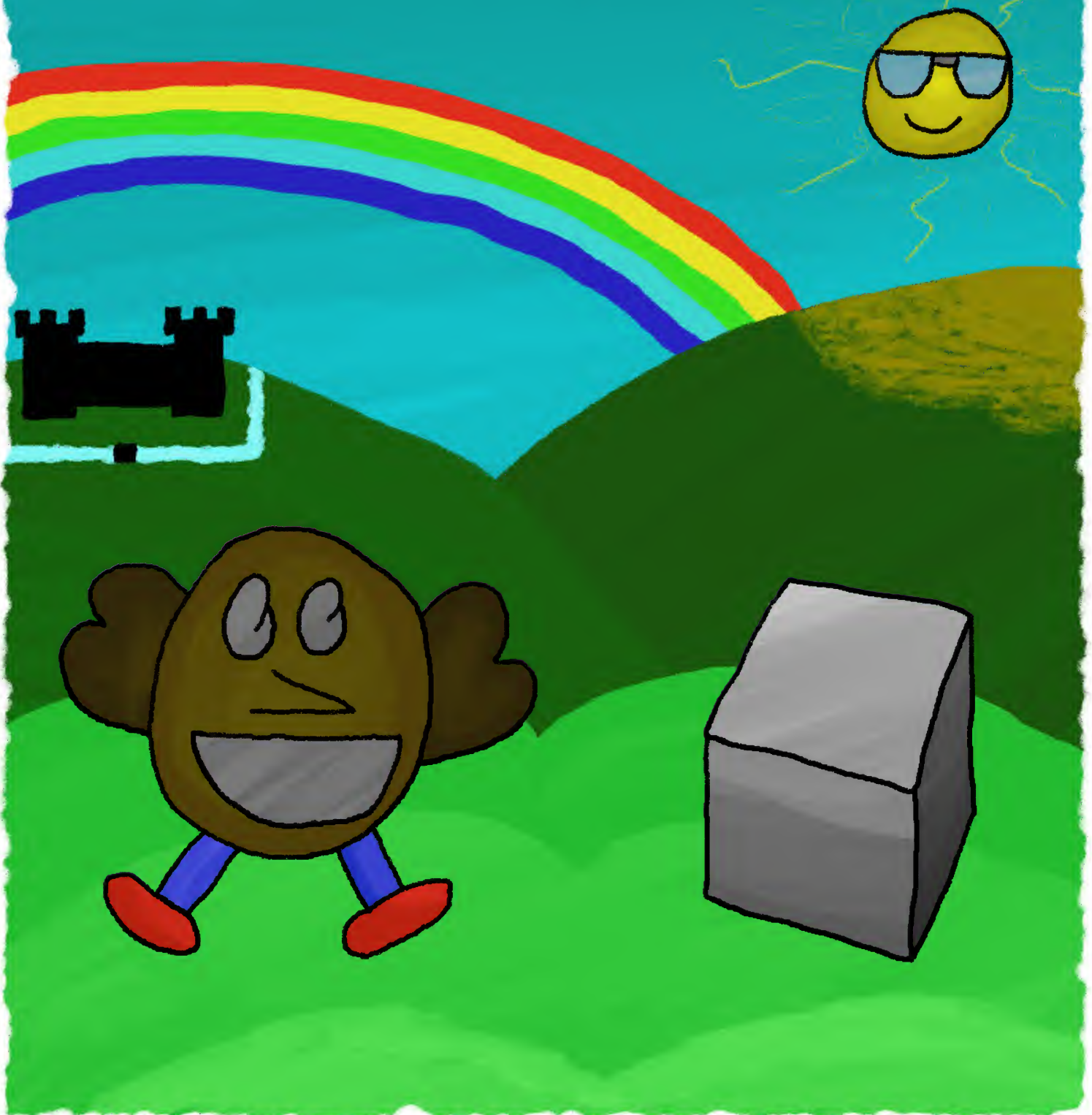
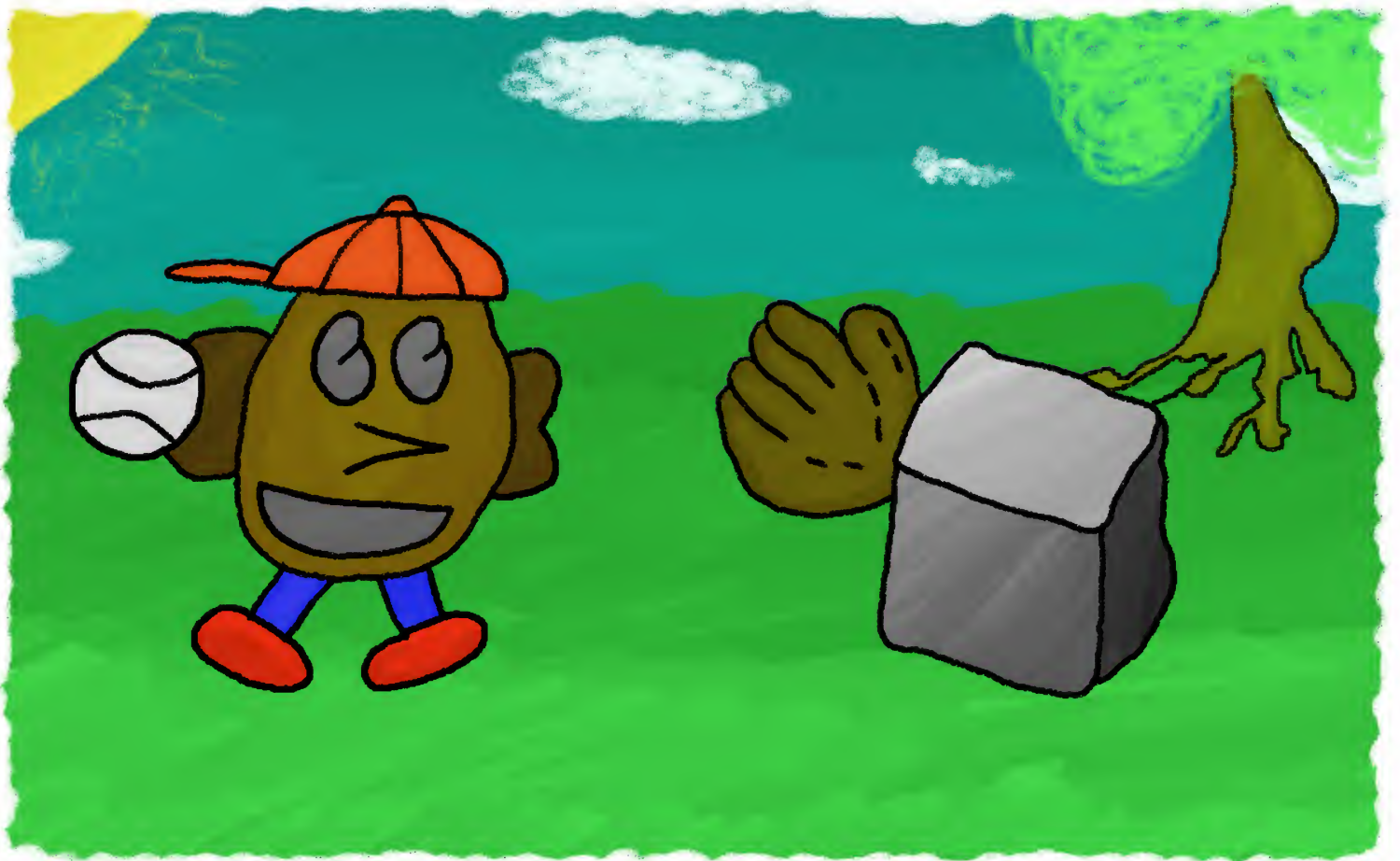


Escapades of Hiratio

The Rusty Steel





this day is today.

it is truly the grandest
of days.

i am playing baseball
with my friend steel.



you missed the ball.

gasp

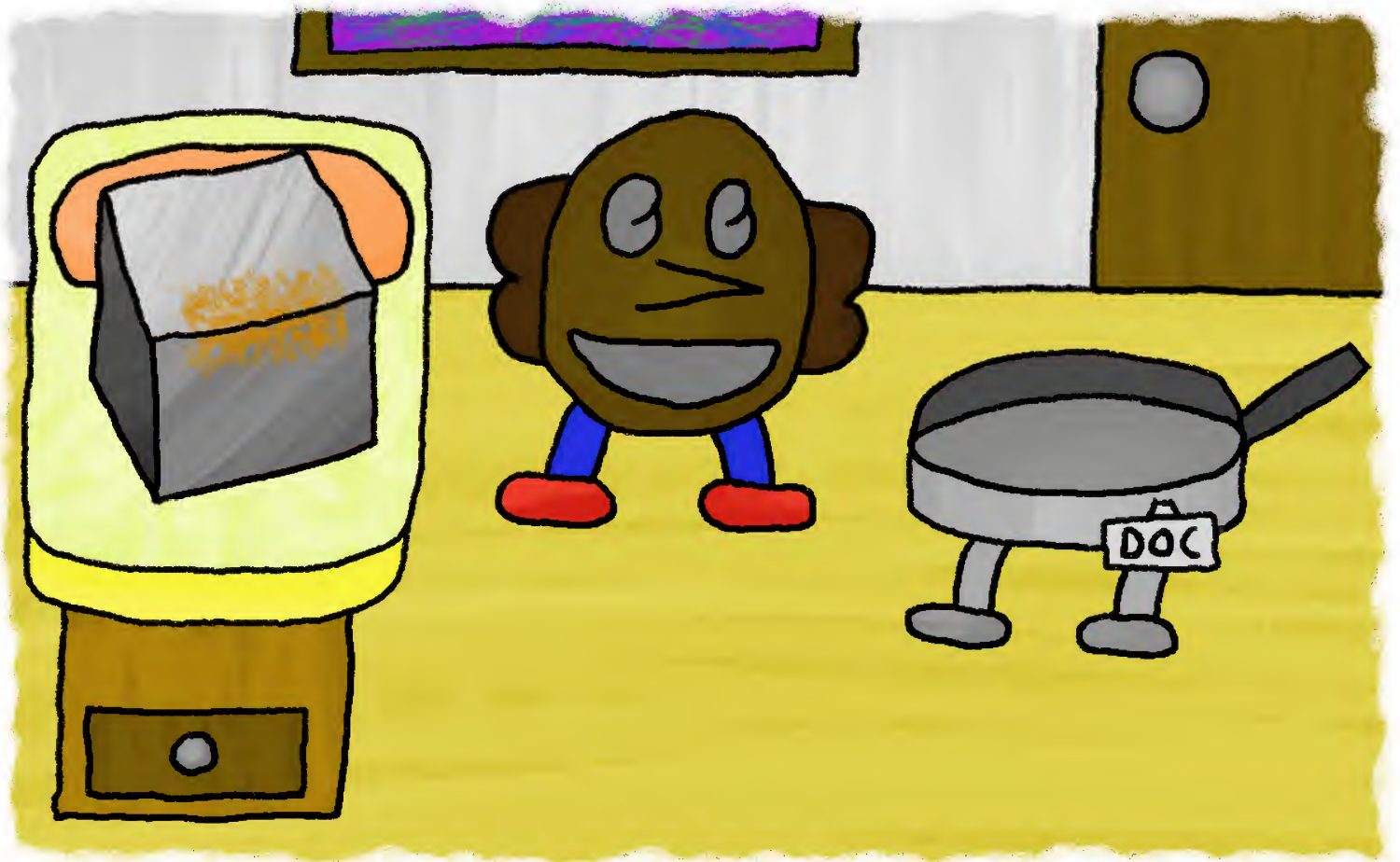
what is this discolouration
on you steel?

it concerns me greatly.



do not fret. i will take
you to the doctor.

hiratio travels to the
wellness clinic on his
unicycle.

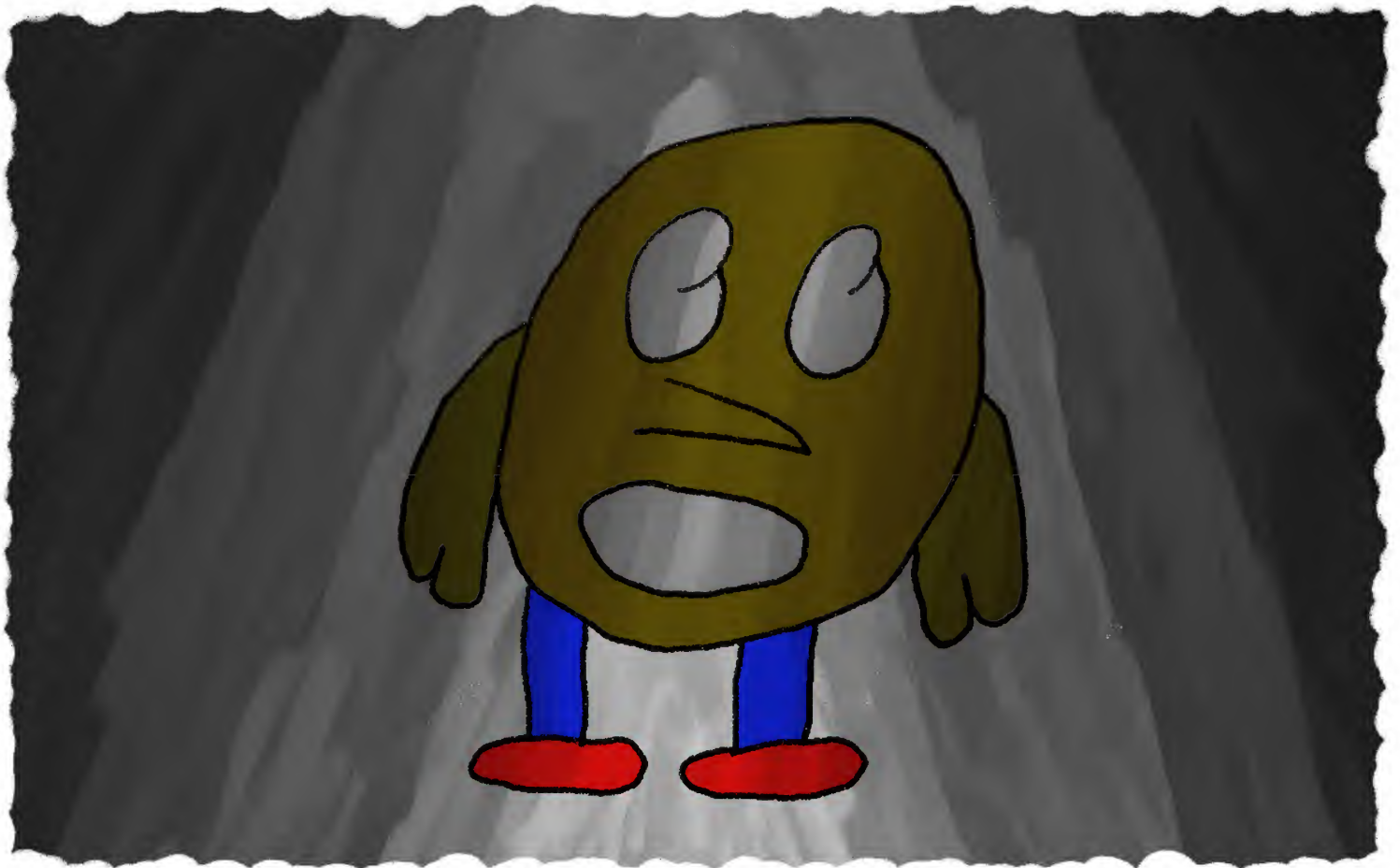


hello i am the doctor.
i have good news
and bad news.

tell me it straight doctor.

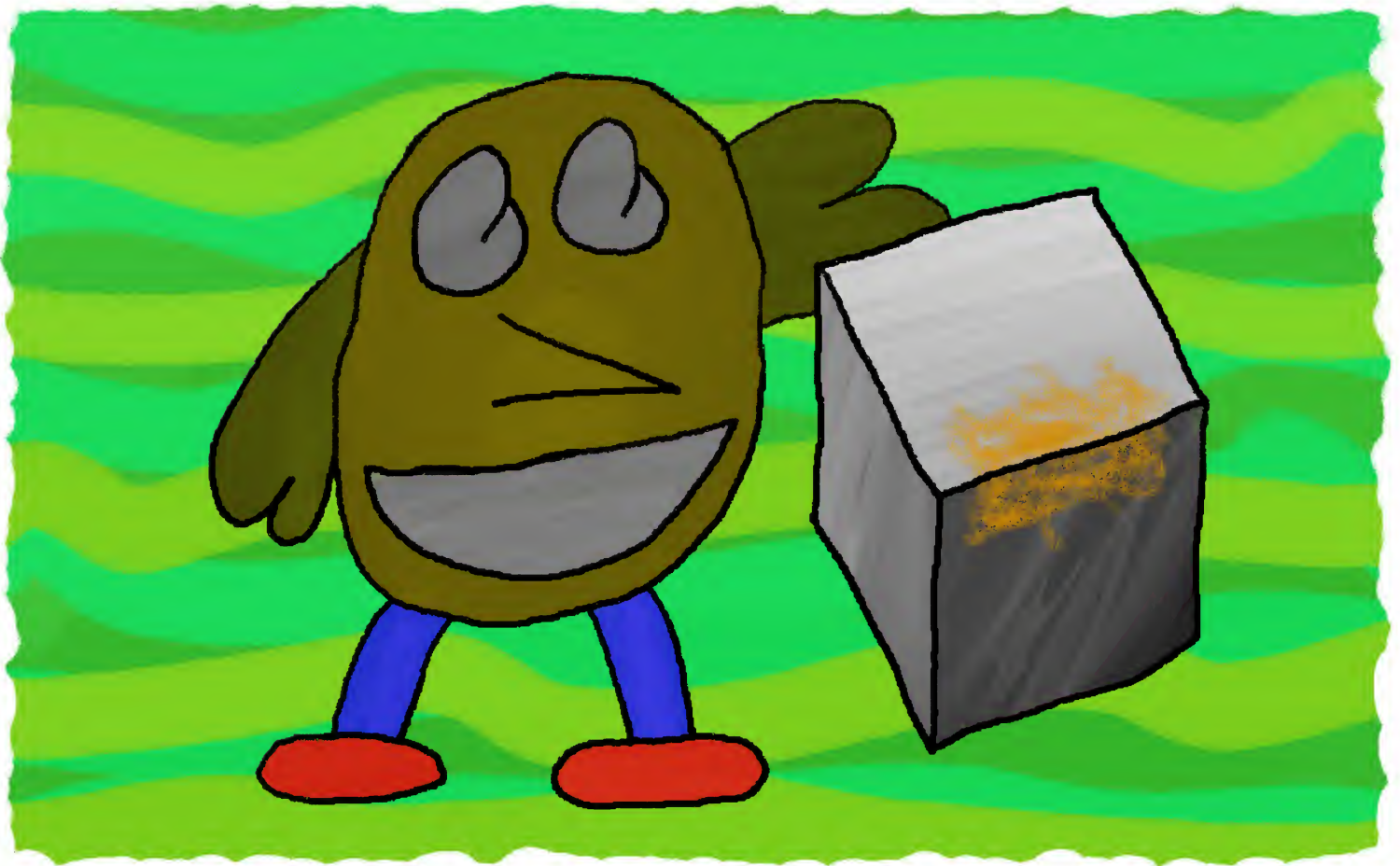


good news is that i found
a scratch and win lottery
ticket on the floor
redeemable for a free
scratch and win lottery
ticket.



bad news is that steel
has rust.

i am sorry but it is
incurable. there is no
thing i can do.



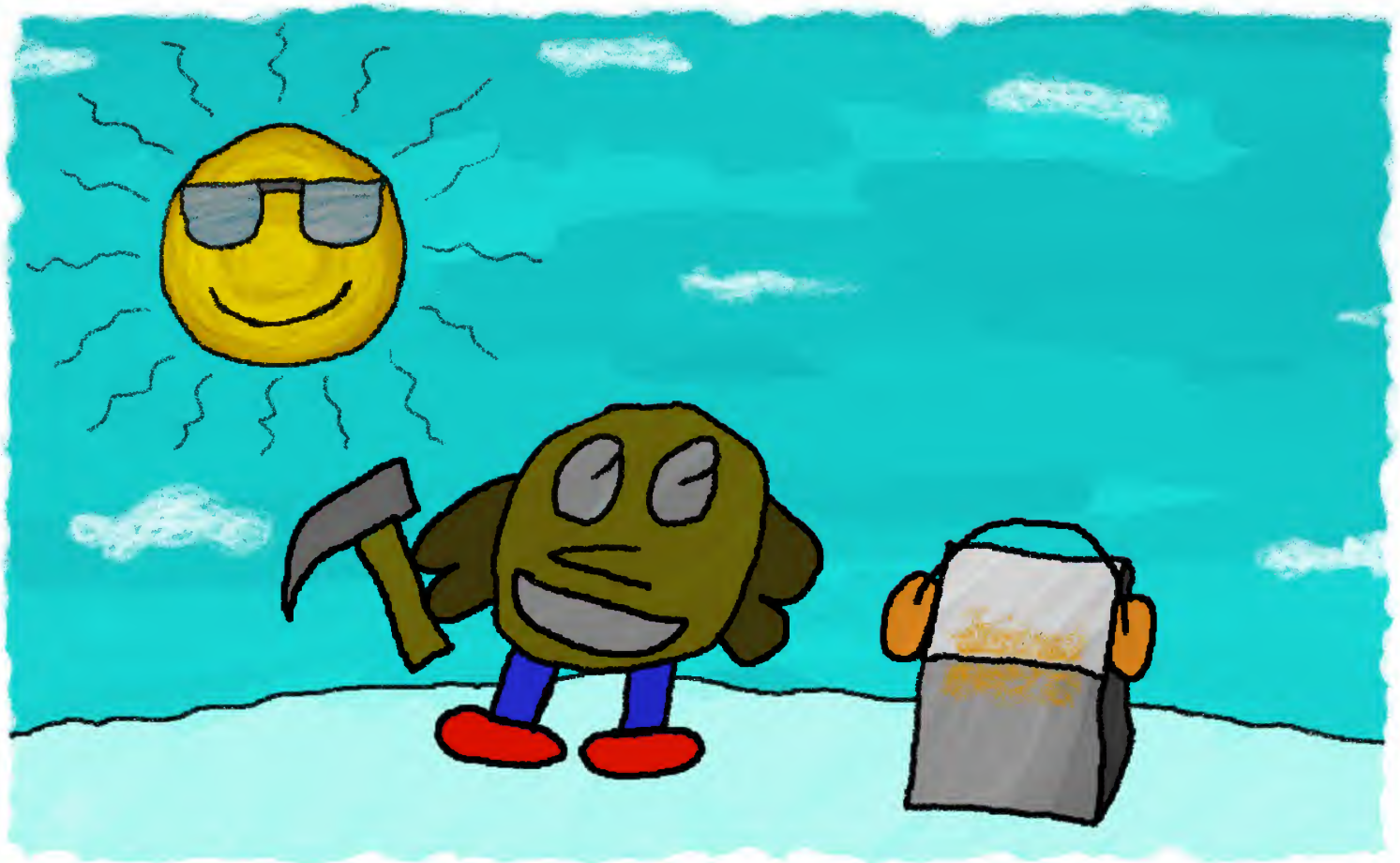
it is time for a new
escapade.

let us find the rust cure
together!



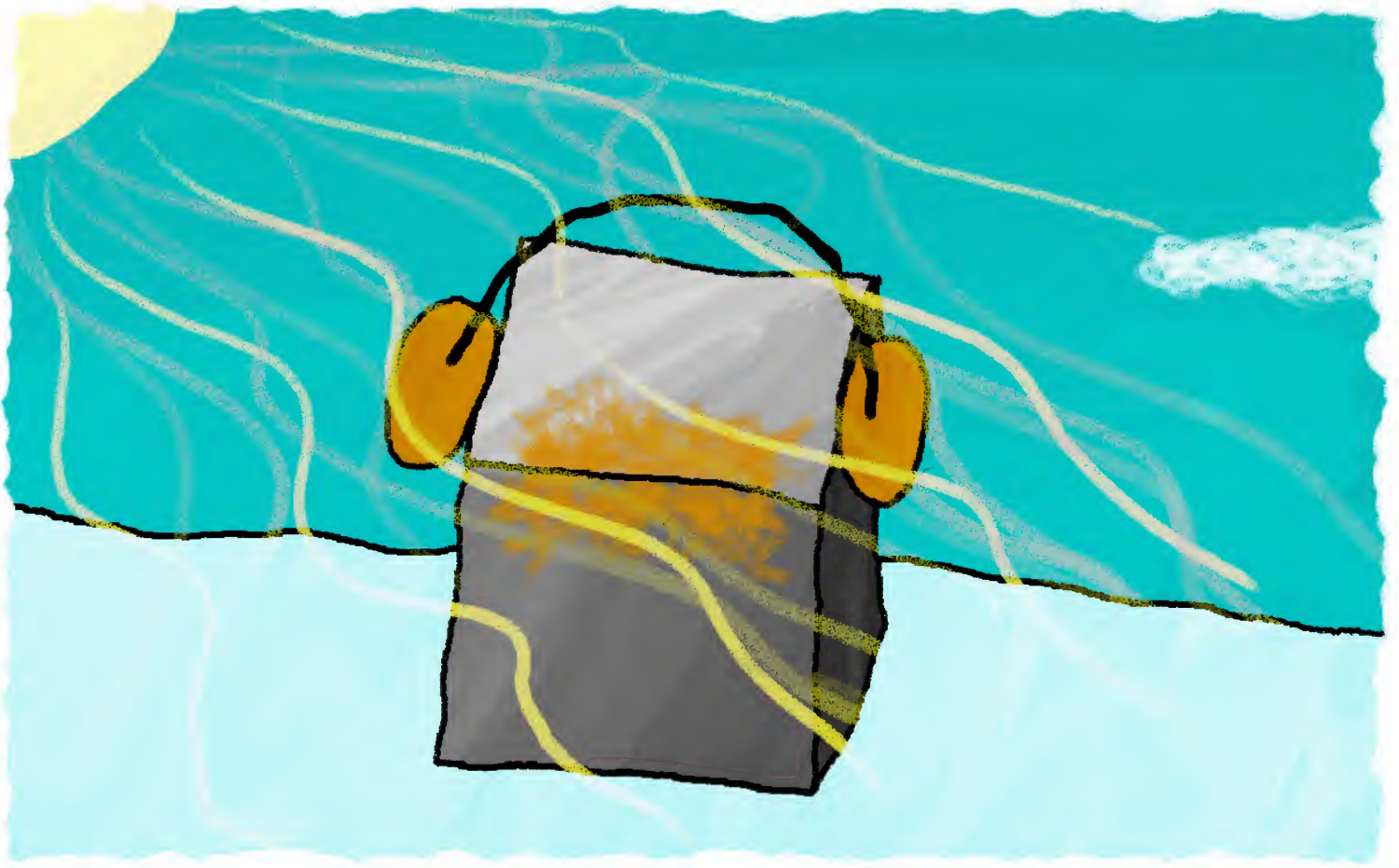
hiratio and steel set off
to the tallest mountain
in all the lands.

maybe the sun can
cure steel's rust.



sun can you cure steel?

the sun agreed to help.
he would use his sun
beams to defeat the rust.



the sun focused all
his rays on steel.

but the rust remained...



hiratio and steel
wandered the desert
plains.

maybe rhubarb knows
how to beat rust.



rhubarb can you fix steel?

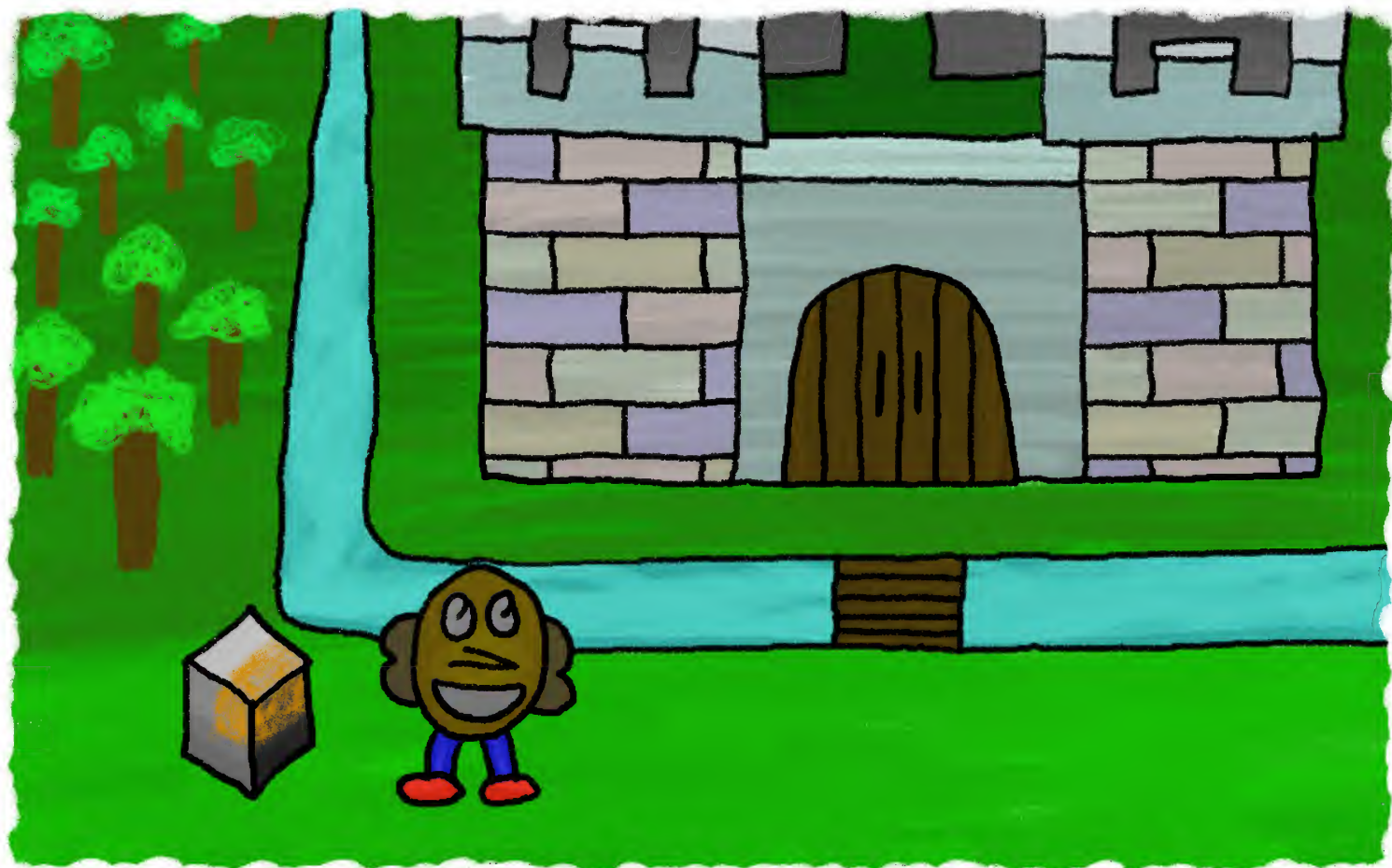
i have rainbow juice that
cures all ails.

try giving this to steel.



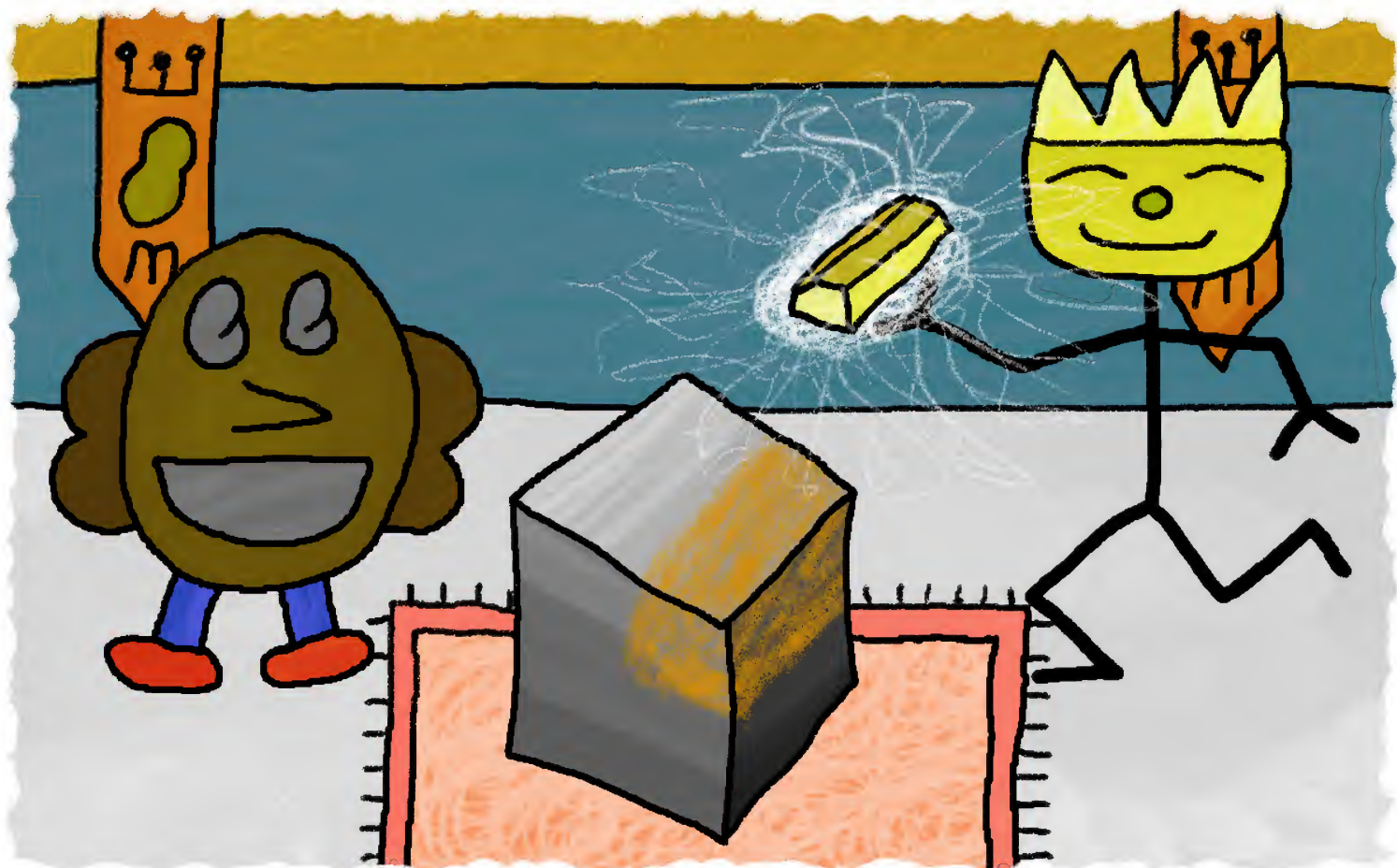
he poured the rainbow
juice on steel.

the rust was unaffected...



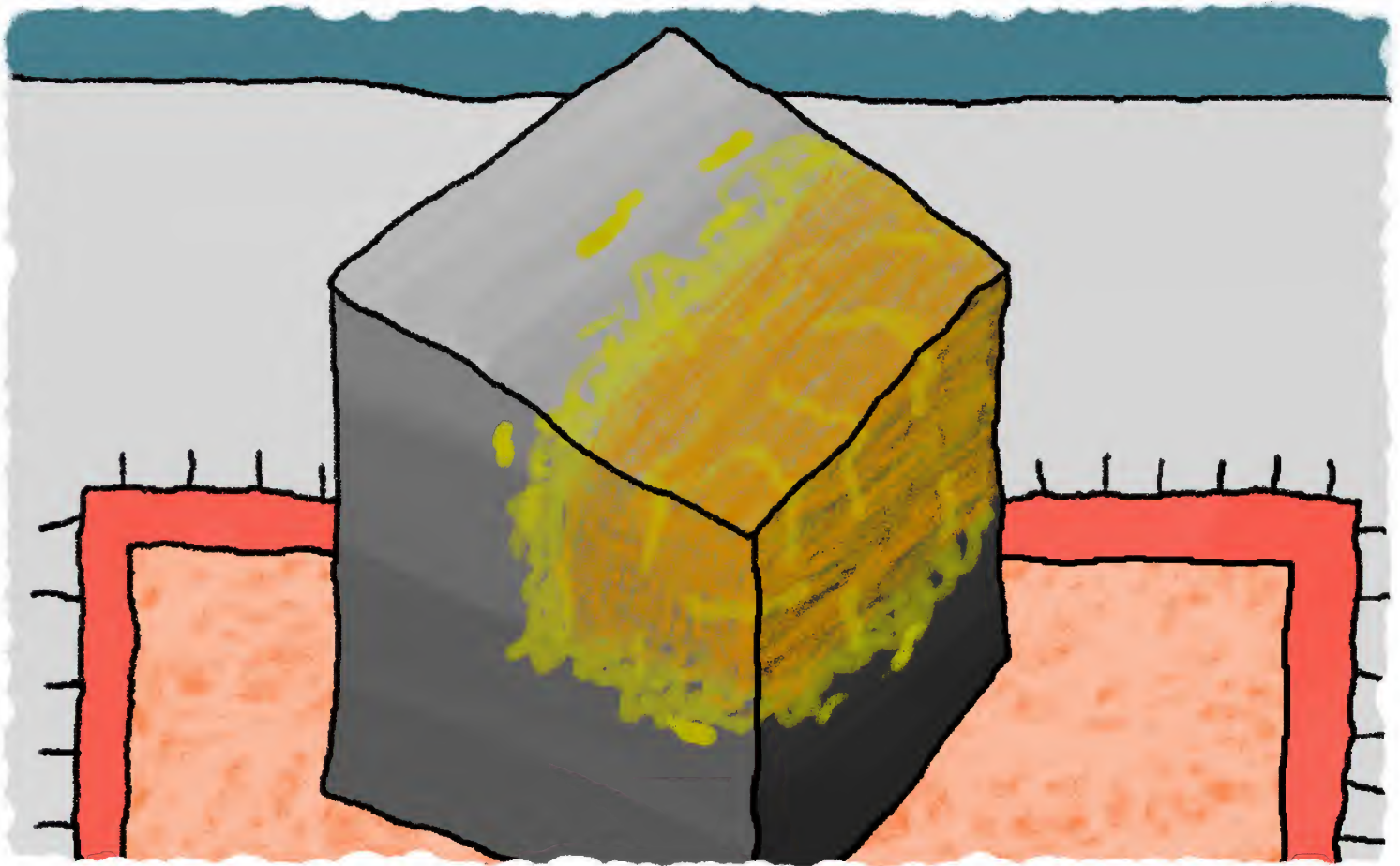
hiratio and steel went to
spud castle.

maybe the king of spud
town can solve this rust.



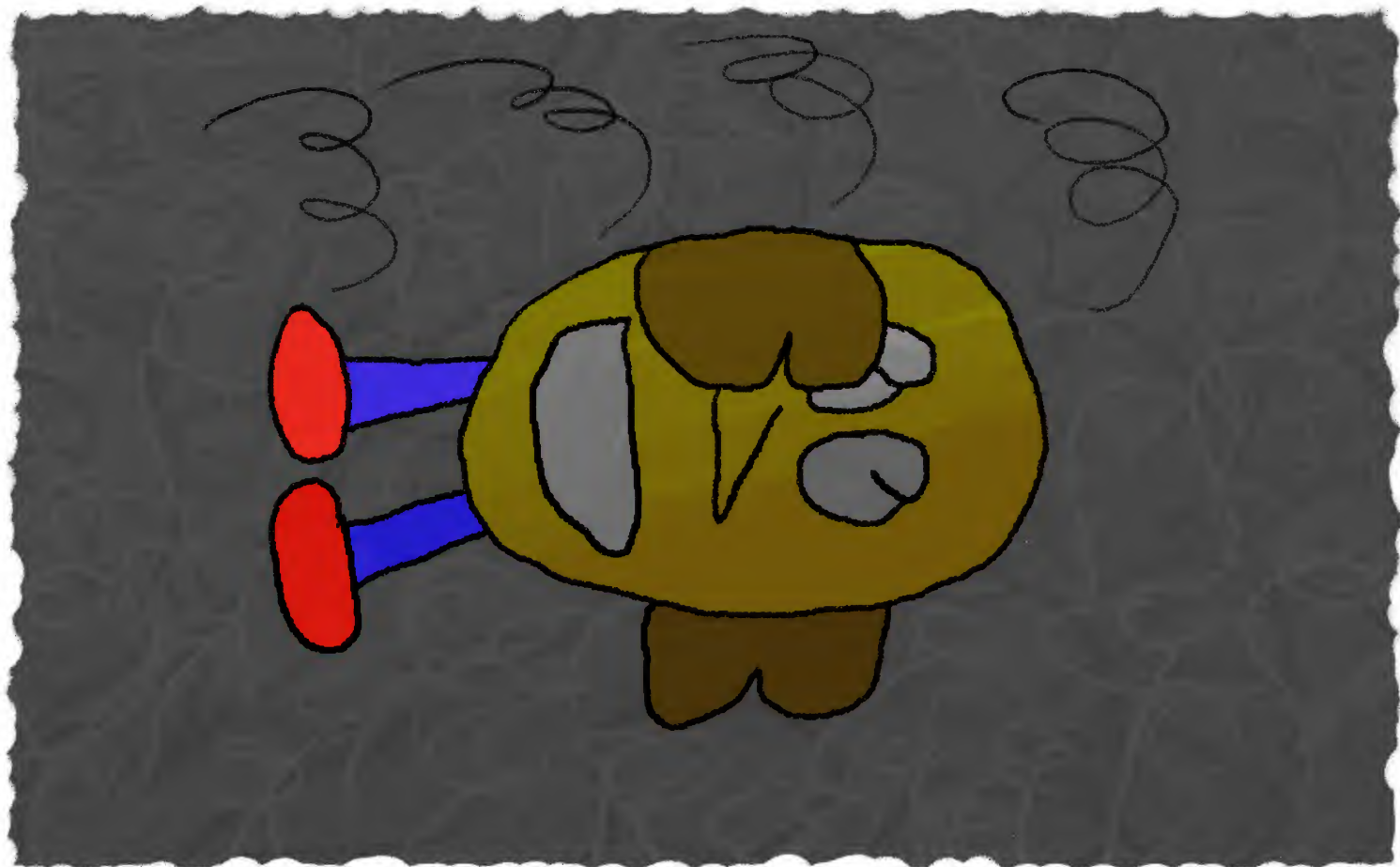
king do you know how
to stop rust?

purestrain gold cannot
rust or rot. coat steel with
this and he will be saved.



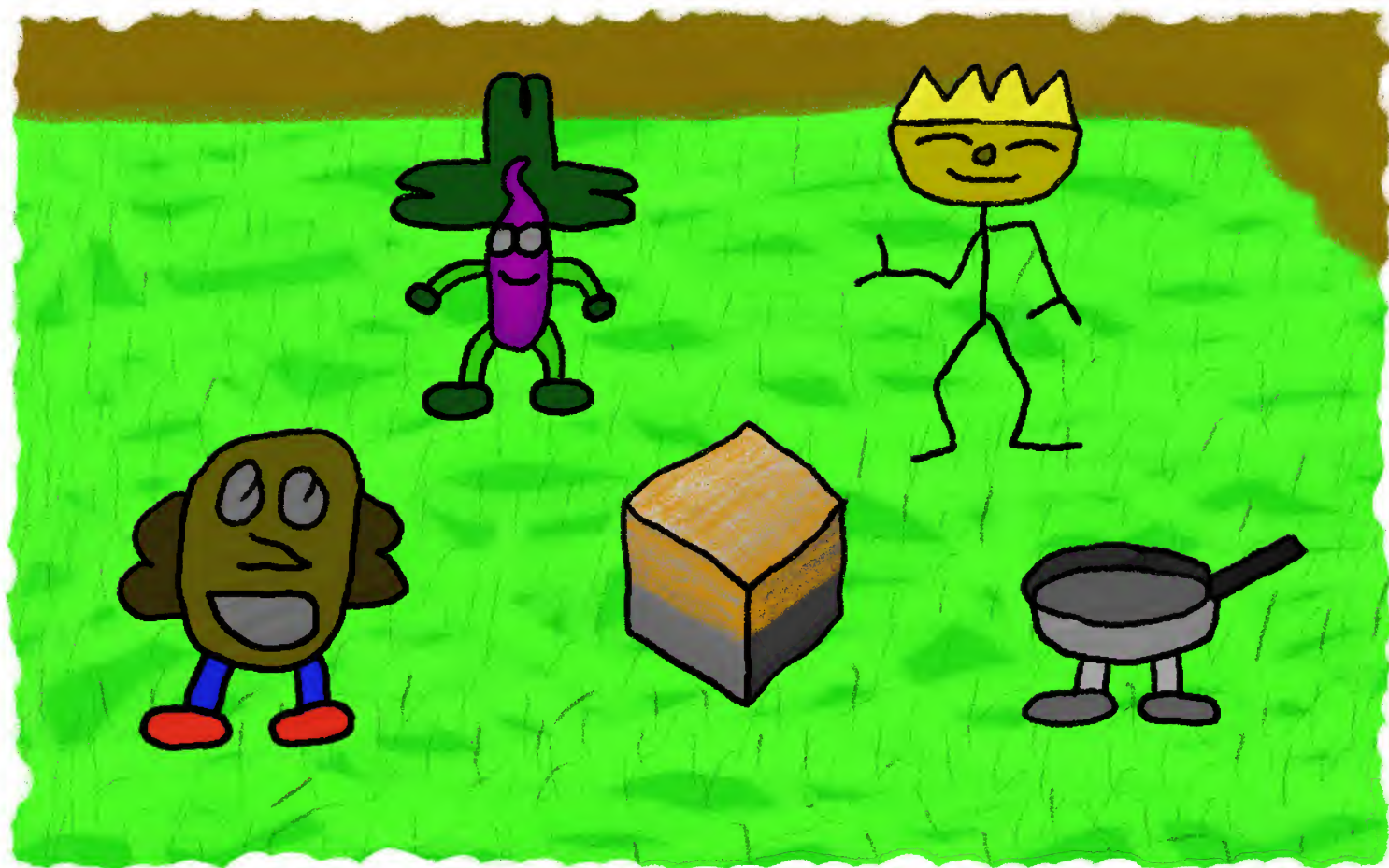
hiratio coated steel with
purestrain gold.

and the rust ate through...

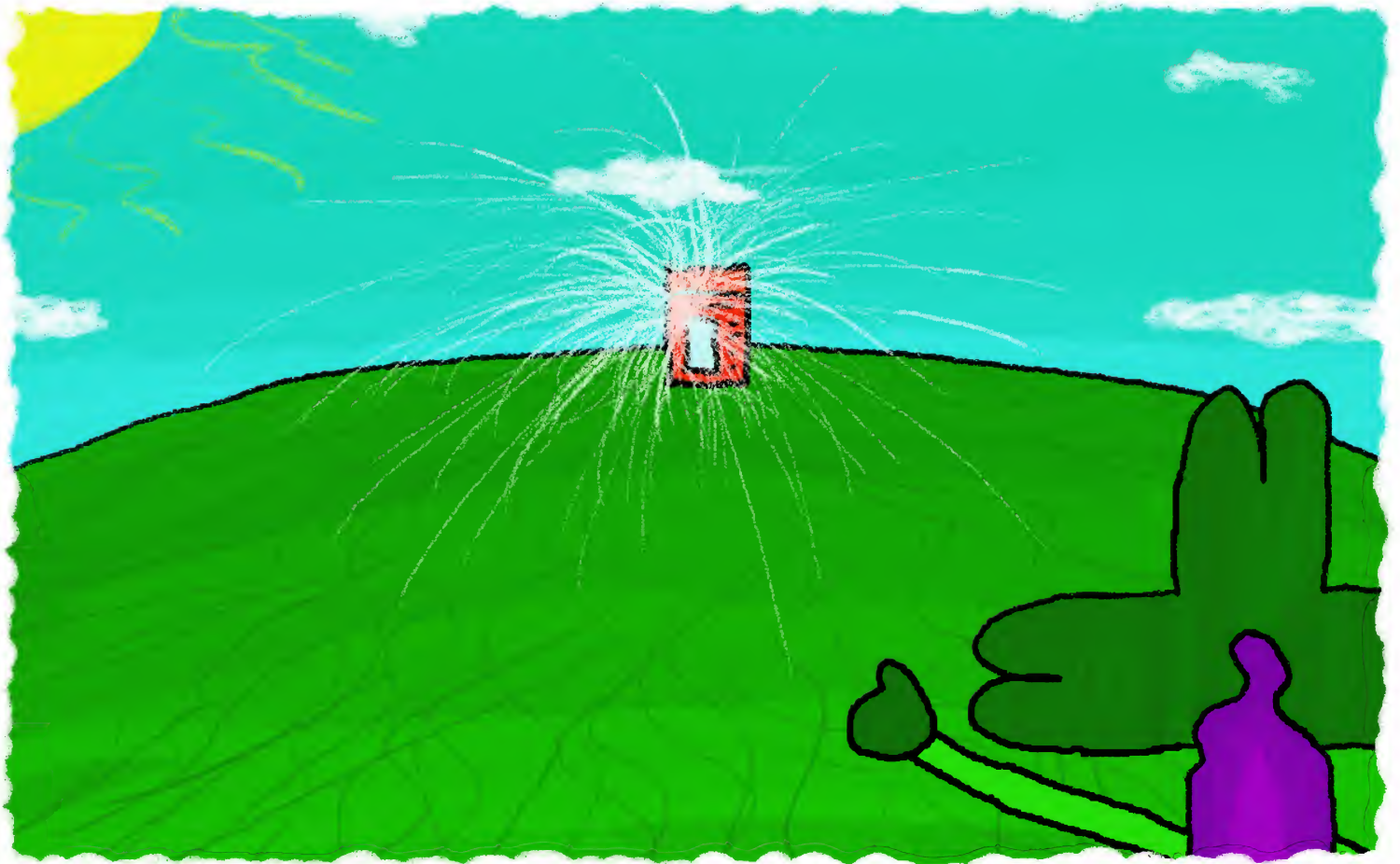


hiratio was exhausted.
he tried everything to
cure steel's rust.

i am sorry i have
failed you steel.



all of steel's friends gathered together. steel did not have much time before he would turn completely into rust.



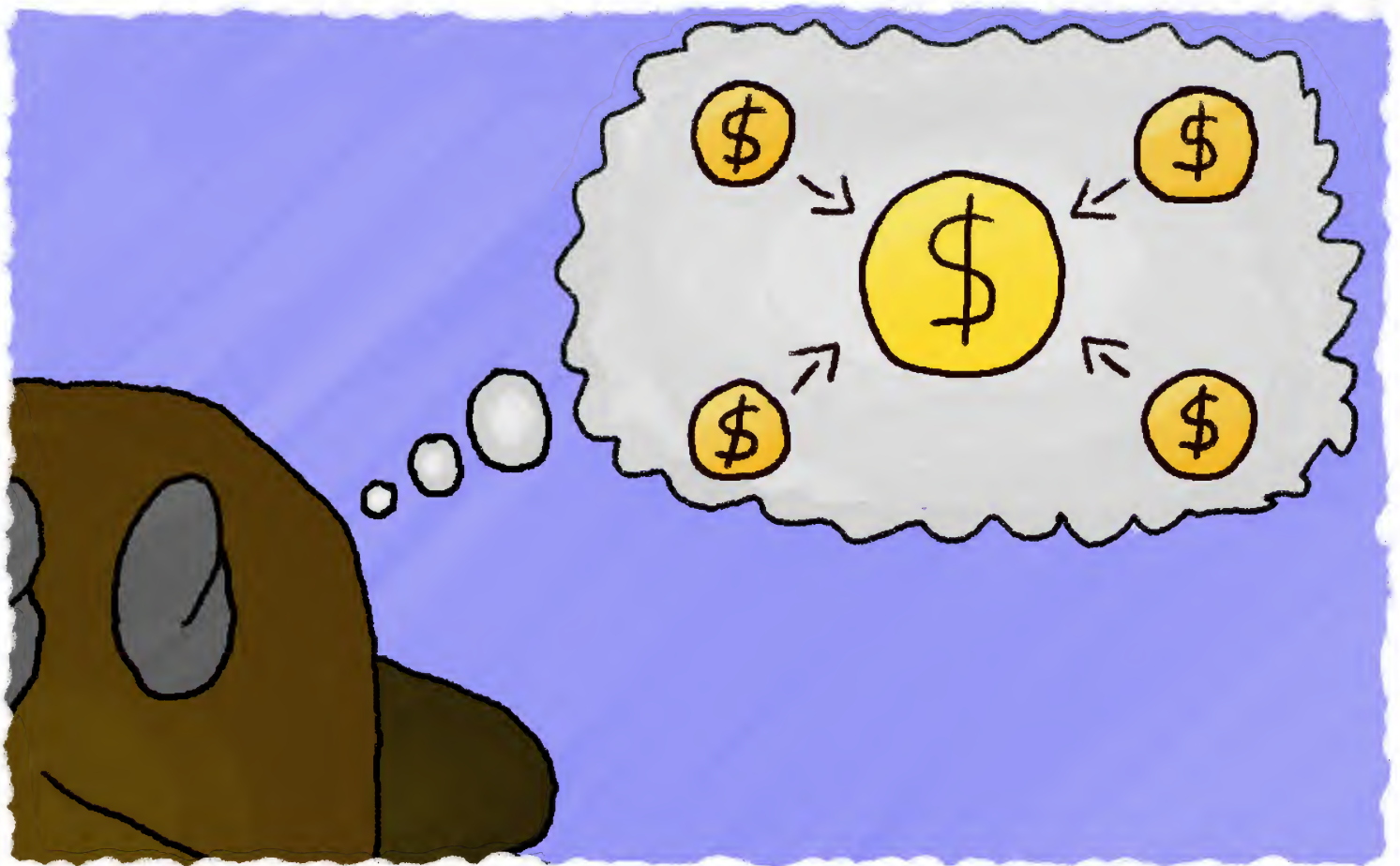
just then a blinding
object was spotted
in the distance.

what is that glint in
the pasture?



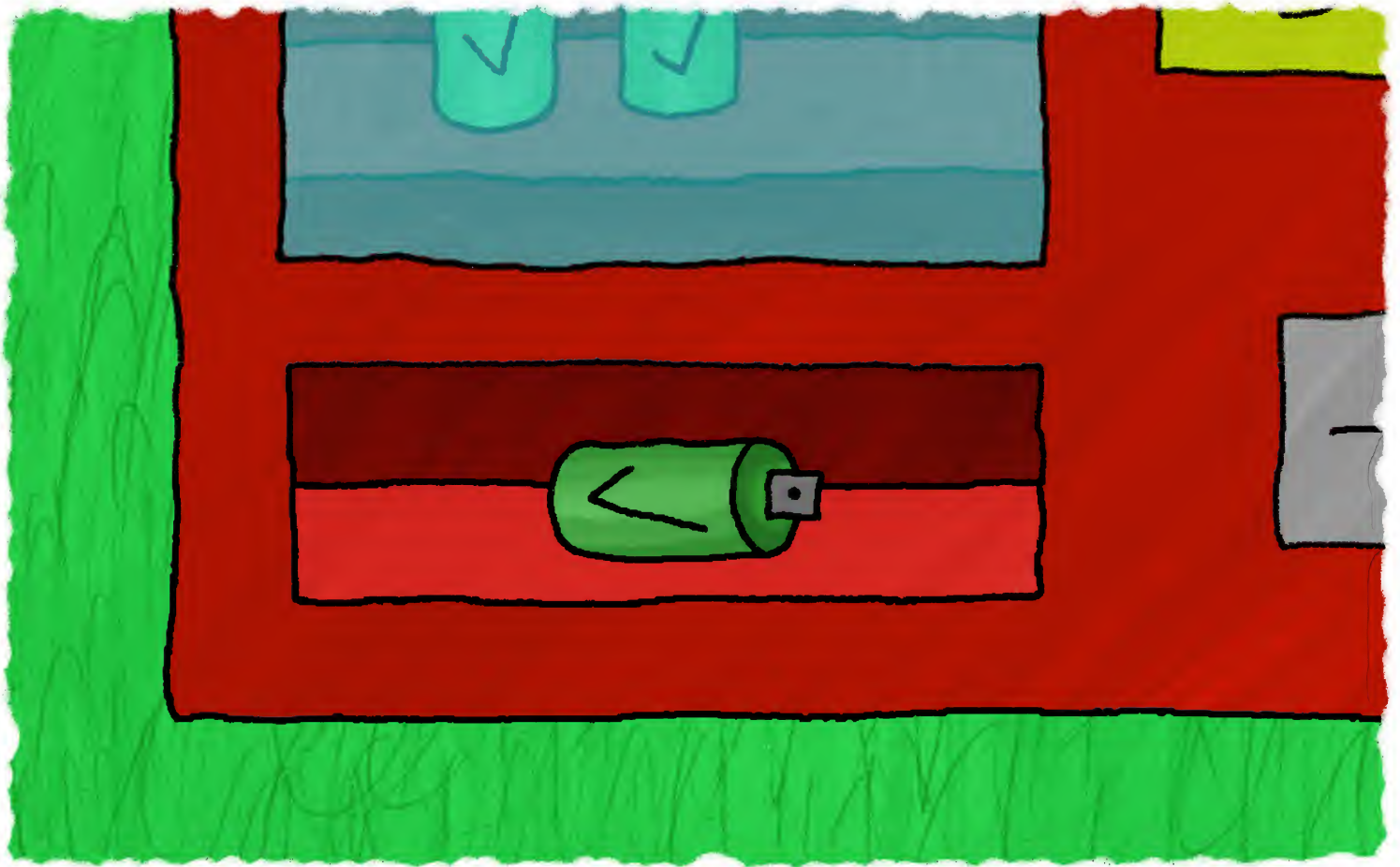
to the surprise of all it
was a vending machine
with the rust cure!

this cure is very
expensive. how to buy
cure?

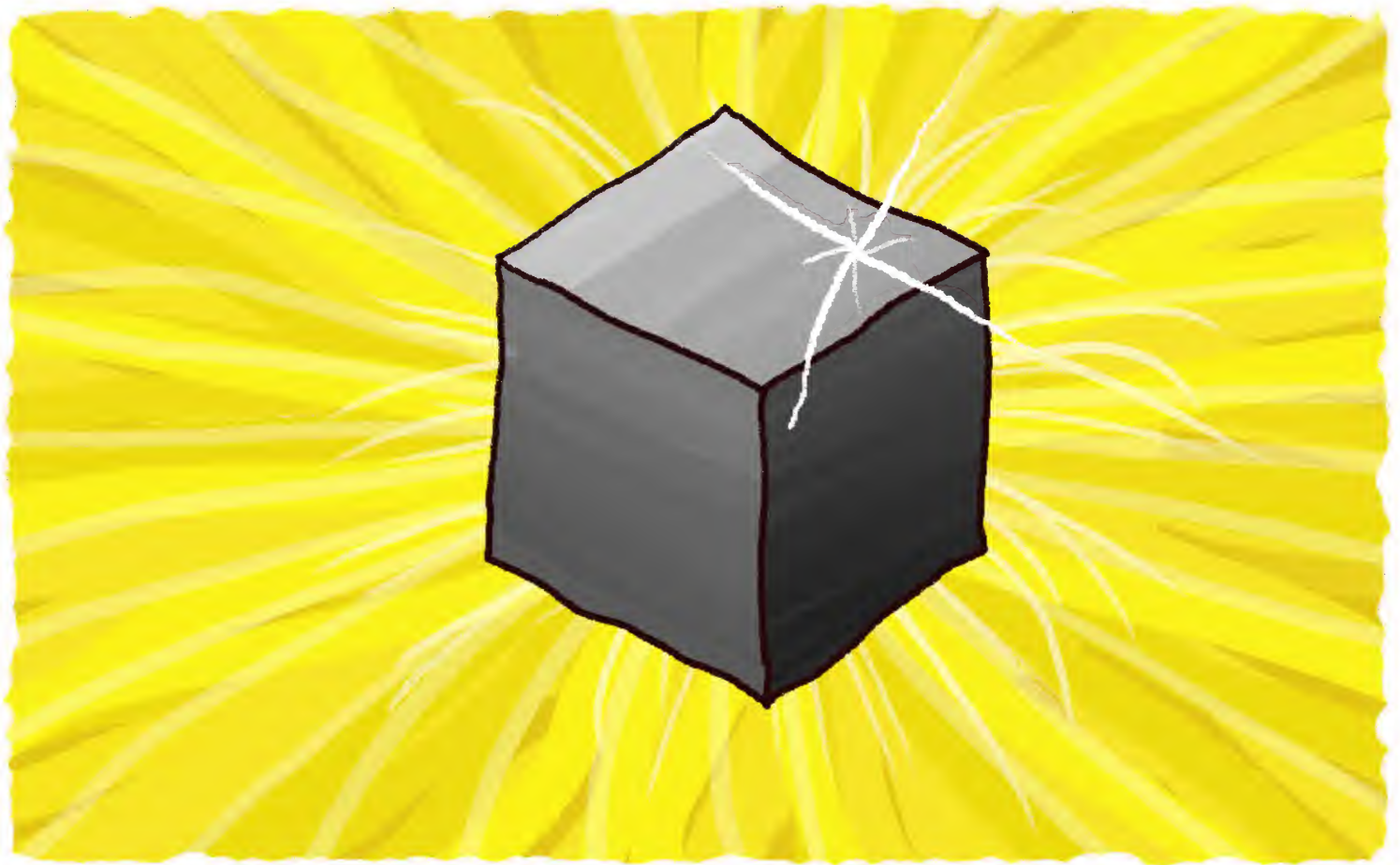


no one of them could afford it. then hiratio had an idea.

let us combind all of our dubloons to buy this!

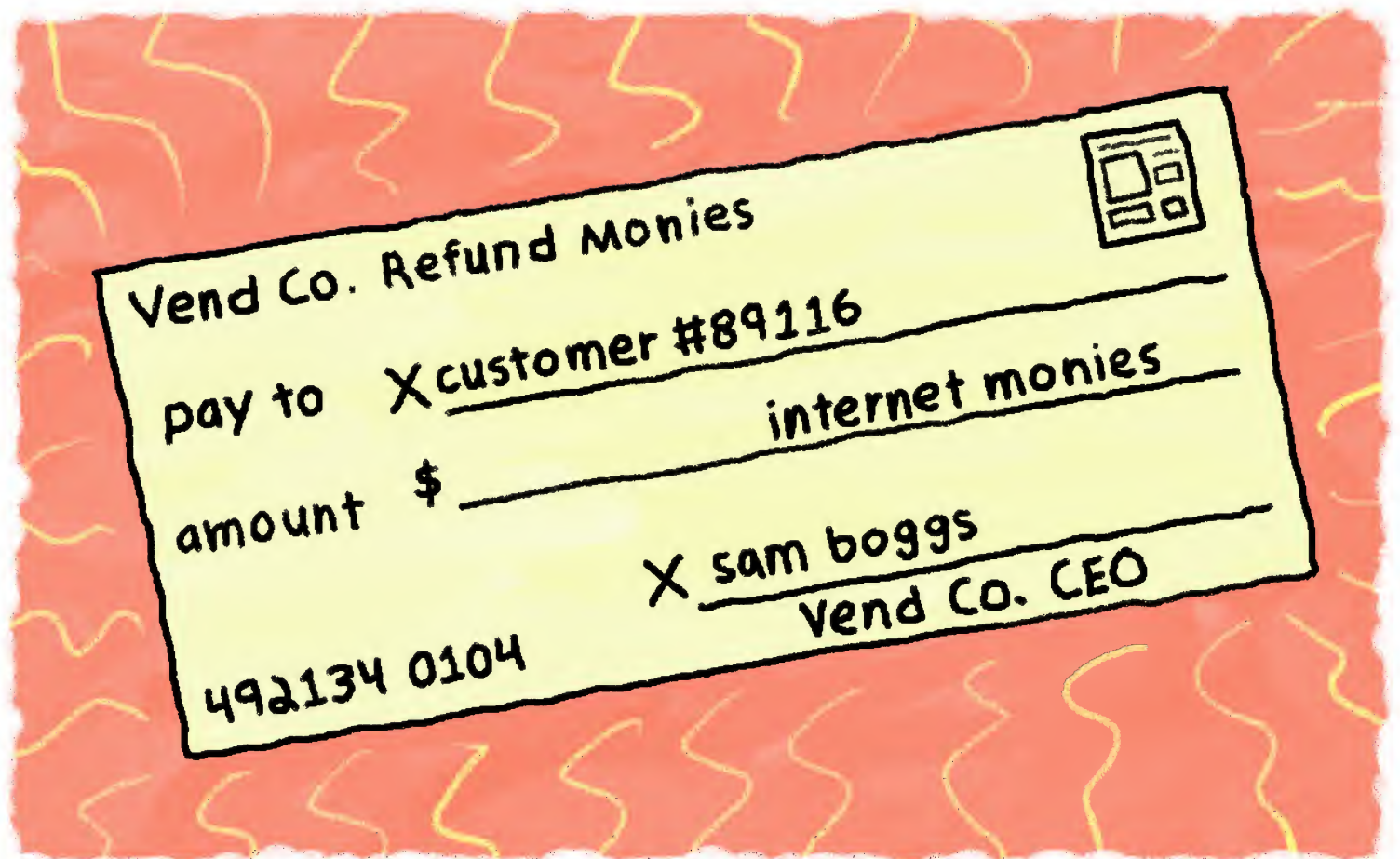


all of steel's friends
poured their dubloons
into the machine and the
rust cure dispensed!

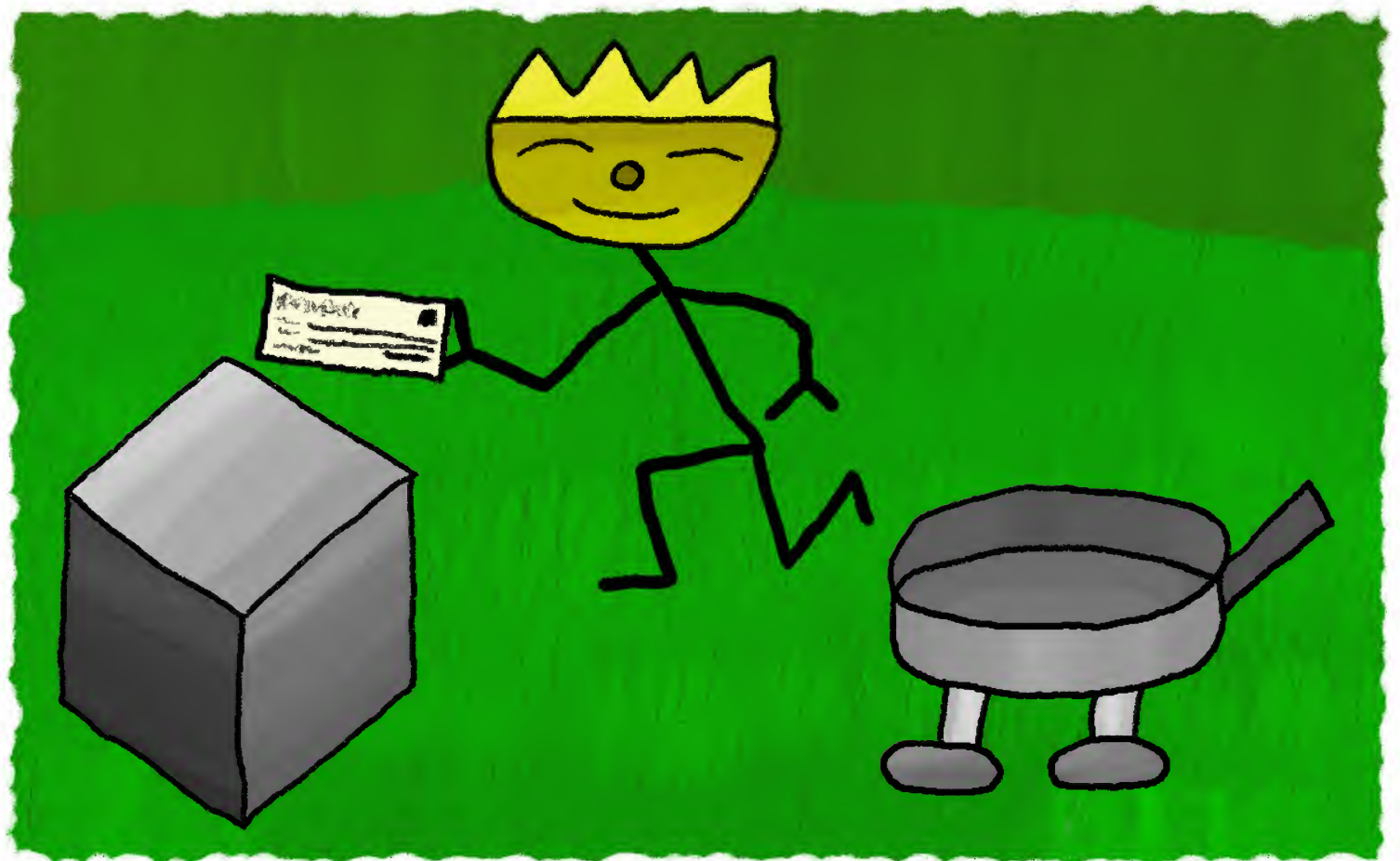


hiratio gave the
rust-b-gone to steel.

the rust no longer
remained!

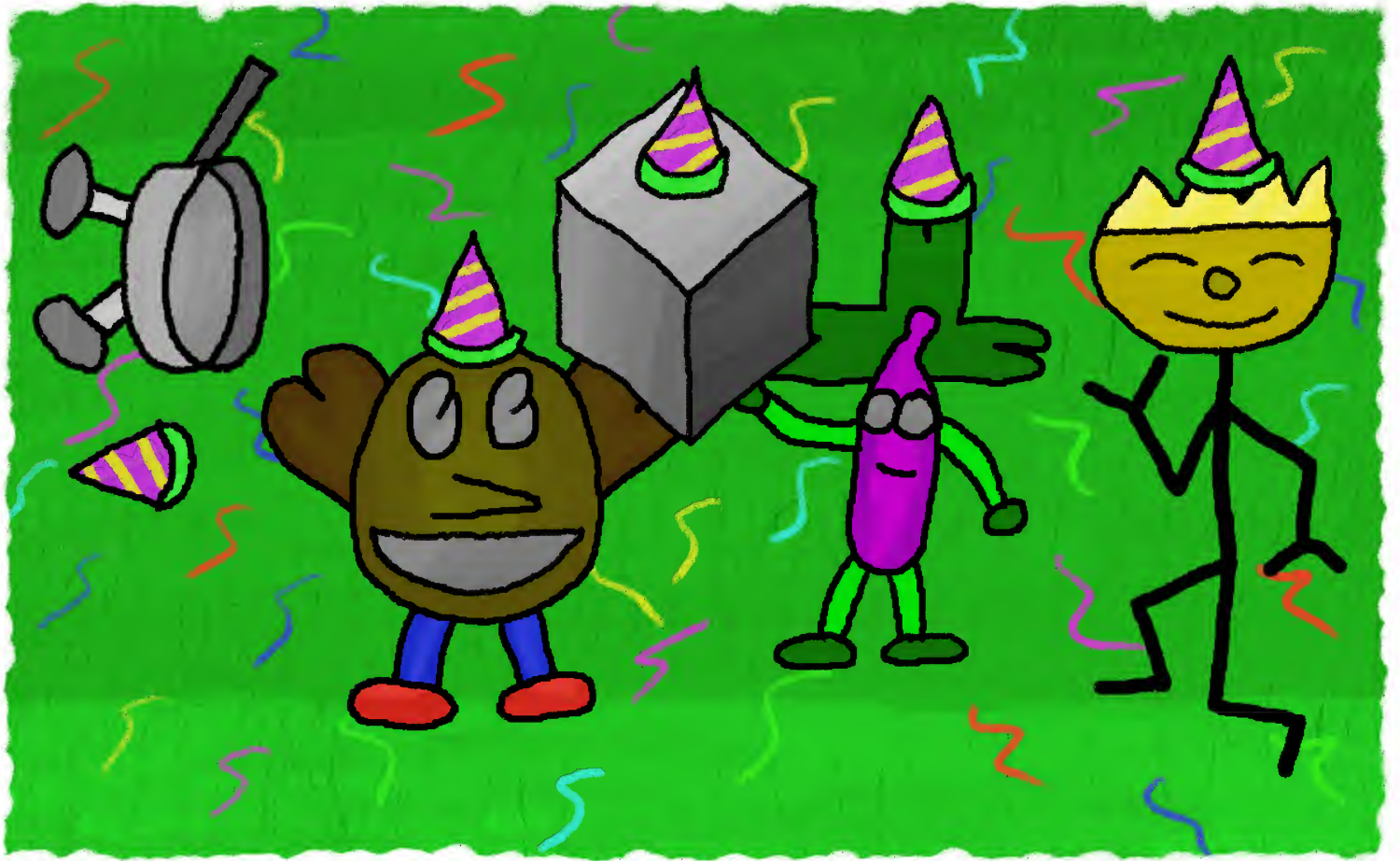


hiratio and friends
poured more dubloons
into the vending machine
than necessary. a refund
cheque was printed!



let us give this to steel
in case he needs another
rust cure.

there is only one thing
left to do...
it is party time!



THE END